

The Ohio State Conference

The Ohio State Conference will meet at Louisville, June 8 and continue until the evening of June 11. The Conference proper will close on Saturday evening, and the Sabbath given to devotional services. There will be Sabbath school in the morning, also preaching service. In the afternoon a young people's rally, and at night preaching service. The program has been prepared and will be published shortly, probably next week.

Why Is It

Why does not the cut appear in connection with Brother Bowman's sermon? This no doubt will be the inquiry of more than one who reads the paper. The cut should have been here last Saturday, but instead the firm sent us three large half-tone cuts, two of which were made from photographs of persons whom we never saw nor ever heard of. Our order and somebody else's were exchanged and thus we failed to get what we should have had. We at once returned the cuts and called the attention of the firm to the mistake. But one half of Brother Bowman's sermon appears in this issue; it will be concluded next week and the cut will appear with it, unless the firm disappoints us again, which is not likely. "And this is the reason why."

Dr. Abbott's Farewell

"God is love; life is love; and Jesus Christ is the revelation of faith." This sentence in Dr. Abbott's farewell sermon is the summing up of his theology which is rapidly modifying the old and retiring the creeds. God the Father, rather than God the sovereign is the later interpretation of the revelation of Jesus and that vision of the Eternal Fatherhood brings in, not the selecting love of the narrow theologies, but the reclaiming love of the Prodigal Son may be regarded as the central crystal, the pre eminent pearl of the Christine theology, symbolizing the Father love which will eventually overcome all evil, and bring back every wandering son to the waiting and welcoming home in love's heaven.

A Large School

Last week we received an order from the Johnstown Sunday School for the following lesson helps:

- 110 Brethren Quarterlies,
- 110 Youths' Quarterlies,
- 110 Cheering Words,
- 45 Our Little Folks.

This order at our regular rates amounts to \$18.30, and is the largest order ever received at this office from one school. This school must be constantly growing, as the order increases with almost every quarter. We congratulate Brother Haskins and his band of noble workers upon this unmistakable evi-

dence of success. The next largest school is in the Pittsburg church, which orders 75 copies each of the quarterlies and the papers, aggregating \$14.25. The third largest is from Philadelphia, whose order amounts to \$12.80; probably they will make it a little larger this quarter. The fourth largest is from Conemaugh, Pa., and to our most agreeable surprise the fifth largest order comes from Allentown, Pa., aggregating \$10. It will be seen therefore that the largest five orders come from the state of Pennsylvania. We trust our schools in other states will not regard the mention of these facts as an evidence of partiality on our part. The facts are stated as a matter of information, and we trust it will encourage, rather than discourage, all our schools. The Brethren Sunday Schools, be it said to their credit, have been loyal to the Publishing House.

The Salt of the Earth

Quality rather than quantity is the essential thing to petition bountiful heaven for in these days of widespread, and thin spread, Christianity. There is very much something or other which has the semblance of salt, only in the tasting of it one has to consult his tongue repeatedly, critically, so that he may conclude that it bears an approximate probability of salt. What sort of a stir in the world would the twelve apostles make just now were they to enter it just as they appear in history on the day of Pentecost? Or we might imagine the advent of a Luther among us, or even a John Wesley. What a rattling there would be among the dry bones, or coming back to the saline figure of speech, what a wholesome, unusual savor would penetrate the church, and save it from the imminent danger of being cast out to be trodden under foot. A little salt, twelve thoroughly saved and thoroughly spiritual men turned the world upside down, but now the world has reversed that operation by turning the church upside down. Ichabod: The glory has departed.

And That He Calls Charity

Randolph Guggenheimer, who paid \$25 a plate for blue raspberries and provided strawberries at 5 for \$1 at his \$10,000 dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria, has since then donated \$1,000 for the support of the sufferers in New York city. And this is the way of the world's charity, but it is not Christ's way. Had he given the \$10,000 to charitable purposes, and provided for a \$1,000 repast for his 40 guests he would no doubt be a happier man, as we know others would be. Surely this man has introduced a new idea of tithes; instead of giving one-tenth of his income to the Lord, he gave one-tenth as much to the Lord as he gave to the devil, but some people have very luxurious tastes, and \$10,000 for a meal seems a trifle, after

all. Paul speaks about a certain class of people whose stomach is their god. Verily the tribe has survived, and even in this civilized land there are not a few of these idolaters who carry their god about with them. Perhaps a word of warning will not be out of place. This god (the stomach) is very revengeful, and if imposed upon with too many \$10,000 dinners and suppers, he becomes fearfully enraged, and in the effort to resist the imposition inflicts fearful punishment on the transgressor. Woe unto him who insults this god. It will not require a literal hell fire in the world to come for the punishment of such. Verily, they have their reward.

A Selfish Religion

Monasticism is not confined to those Catholic brotherhoods who shut themselves up in monasteries and live supposedly upon bread and water, mortifying the flesh, spending their time in meditation and all sorts of pious exercises for the salvation of the soul. The reason it is not confined to the monks is because the spirit of monasticism is universal and not denominational. It is founded in spiritual selfishness, an exclusive concern for the salvation of my soul, in which there is no room left for concern in regard to the salvation of others. I pray, I struggle, I mortify the body, I study my spiritual condition, my varying "frames" in order to make sure of my personal salvation. I am looking out for number one in religion, and others must take care of themselves. Every church member who does this is a monk, tho he live in a fine house instead of a convent and wear the latest cut instead of sack-cloth. There are not a few who practically sympathize with the dutchman's prayer: "Oh Lord, save me and my wife, mine son John and his wife, these four and no more." Perhaps the following petition would be a little more exact: Save me especially and others if convenient.

The Moral Value of Hunger

In a recent sermon Dr. Parkhurst eulogises hunger. According to this distinguished divine an empty stomach is a good thing. We have a suspicion that he argues from the standpoint of a doctor who wouldn't for anything take his own medicine. What does this prosperous clergyman know about hunger. It is to be doubted if he ever was hungry in his life, certainly not with that hunger which comes of insufficient nutrition, slow starvation, going on thro years of poverty. Dr. Parkhurst thinks that hunger keeps things going. So did the lash of the slave driver. You ought to have seen the darkies hoe corn and pick cotton when they heard the overseer crack his whip. That's the way starvation keeps things going. Why, under the beneficent influence of its sharp pangs, a sick